WI-262 Greater Salisbury Building Salisbury Private

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Trust Company on the last day of December 1930. The building ceased being a bank in 1990 when it was conveyed by the Maryland National Bank to the Richard A. Henson Charitable Foundation, Inc.

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name	Richard A. He	enson Charitable F	oundation, Inc.	
street & number	200 West Main	Street	telephone no	.:
city, town	Salisbury	state	and zip code Mary	land 21801
5. Loca	ition of Leg	gal Description	on	
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The old Eastern Shore Trust Company building, now known as the Greater Salisbury Building, stands at 200 West Main Street in the center of the business district of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story limestone, marble, and brick building faces north.

Built around 1930, this rectangular two-story, stone and brick was erected in an ashlar masonry tradition with a polished granite steps and watertable defining the foundation. Smooth limestone walls rise from the foundation in an Art Deco design with white-veined green marble framing a two-story entrance and window wall. The fully glazed entrance is framed by a tall series of windows fronted by a decorative metal framework designed in an upside-down arrow motif. The white-veined green marble surround frames the entrance and window wall. A molded backband trims the outside perimeter of the marble and cyma curve crown molding serves as a cornice.

The limestone walls that surround the marble project slightly to form flanking columns that rise to the parapet roof. Fixed in the top of each column are carved stone panels depicting the bow and stern section of a two-masted schooner. The bow section is on the left and the stern portion on the right. The bank name "County Trust Company" in Art Deco block letters in centered on the upper wall surface. Additional decoration includes a series of carved Art Deco stars across the top of the wall along with another decorative carved bank.

The building has a night depository on the east (left) side with a small rectangular window above. The building is flanked on the west side by an adjacent commercial block.

The interior has been remodeled to suit modern offices.

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The building qualifies for listing in *Category A*, due to its well preserved condition and intact architectural features.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Greater Salisbury Building (Eastern Shore Trust Company, Salisbury National Bank, Maryland National Bank) 200 West Main Street Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Map 107, Parcel 1054

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Maryland National Bank

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The Richard A. Henson Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Southerly side of West Main Street and adjoining on the East the property now or formerly owned by L. W. Gunby Company, adjoining on the West the land now or formerly

owned by Arcade Theater

IDT 166/304

Salisbury National Bank

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The Eastern Shore Trust Company now by various mergers being the Maryland National Bank

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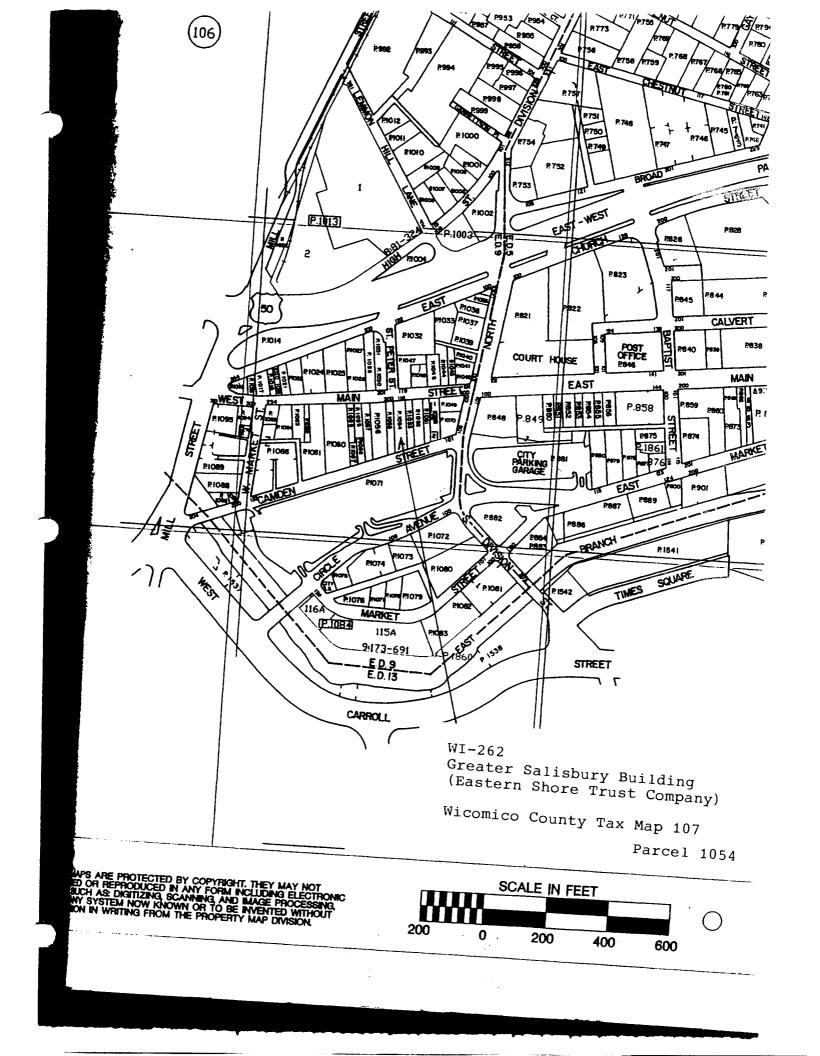
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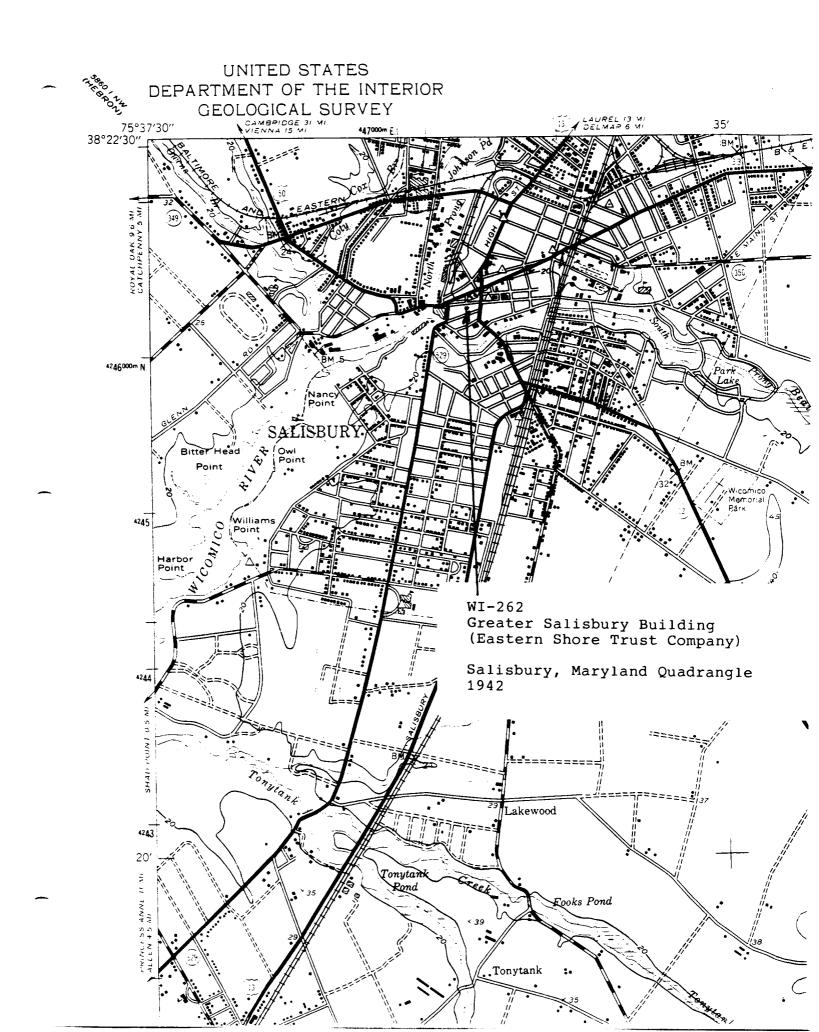
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SIGNIFICANCE, 8.1 Greater Salisbury Building, WI-262 Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Footnotes

- 1 Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 7/111, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 2 Sanborn Insurance Map Company, (1888) Salisbury, (Maryland State Archives).
- 3 Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 166/304, December 31, 1930, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 4 Wicomico County Land Record, 1224/464, July 16, 1990, Wicomico County Courthouse.

















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